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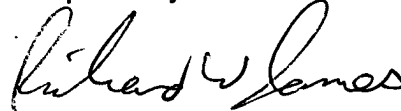
In the Office Action, claims 1-13 and 16-18 were rejected and claims 19-74 were allowed. Claims 14 and 15 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but were allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim.

In accordance with the suggestion of the Examiner, Applicants have amended claims 14 and 15 to include all the limitations of the base claim from which they depended and have cancelled rejected claims 1-13 and 16-18. Applicants have also added claim 75, which depends from allowable claim 15 and cancelled previously withdrawn claim 42.

In the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, the Examiner opined "[t]he present invention relates to microscopic digital imaging of complete tissue sections for medical and research use." Applicants submit the inventions recited in the allowed claims do relate to microscopic digital imaging but are not limited to complete tissue sections for medical and research use.

Passage to allowance of claims 14, 15, 19-41, and 43-75 at an early date is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner is of the opinion that the instant application is in condition for disposition other than allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's Attorney, whose contact information is included below, so that any concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

Respectfully Submitted



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